



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael Herman Koch et al.
Title: FABRICATION OF ZINC OXIDE FILMS ON NON-PLANAR SUBSTRATES AND THE USE THEREOF
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 26, 2001, the period for reply extending to May 27, 2002 (May 26 is Memorial Day) by virtue of a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for claims 6 and 8 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

6. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in claim 17 wherein the source material is provided by chemical vapour deposition.

18. (Amended) A method in accordance with claim 8, wherein the optical fiber is separated from a source heating the surface of the optical fiber by a gap large enough to allow the vapor to envelop the surface of the fiber but small enough to allow the surface of the fiber to be heated to the deposition temperature by the heating surface.